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In re Application of

Hall, David R., et al.

Serial No.: 10/710,586

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For: Downhole Component with A Pressure
Equalization Passageway

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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed February 21, 2006 for which the shortened -- statutory period for response is set to expire on May 21, 2006. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.